



Diocese of California Standing Committee
1500 Taylor
Street San Francisco
CA 94108

STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2023, 3:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
114 Montecito Avenue, Oakland

PRESENT Mauricio Wilson, president; Sean McConnell, vice-president;
Jane Stratford, secretary; Robyn Amos; Carolyn Bolton;
Gretchen Lintner; Audrey Miskelley; Warren Wong.

GUESTS Bp. Marc Andrus: *joined the meeting @ 4:18 PM; left the meeting @ 5:16 PM.*
Cn Christopher Hayes: *joined the meeting @ 4:18 PM; left the meeting @ 5:18 PM.*
Paul Fromberg: *joined the meeting @ 5:40 PM; left the meeting @ 6:12 PM.*
Brenda Paulin: *joined the meeting @ 5:40 PM; left the meeting @ 6:12 PM.*

3:17 PM **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER**
Quorum confirmed with 7 members present. Robyn joined the meeting later.
Carolyn offered opening prayer from BCP.

3:19 PM **CHECK IN**
Members of SC welcomed Audrey to her first meeting and checked in.

3:35 PM **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
• *Minutes October 12, 2023*
Motion to accept consent calendar.
Moved/Carolyn Bolton; Second/Warren Wong;
Carried/by majority.

3:36 PM ***Motion to enter Executive Session.***
Moved/Gretchen Lintner; Second/Warren Wong;
Carried/Unanimously.

4:16 PM ***Motion to exit Executive Session.***
Moved/Warren Wong; Second/Robyn Amos;
Carried/Unanimously.

4:18 PM **BISHOP'S TIME**
Bp. Marc expressed his hopes and concerns regarding the election of the IX Bishop of CA. He asked for SC help as those with authority over this process and he requests the same consideration and concern for Diocesan staff and himself and Sheila as for the candidates.
SC reassured Bp. Marc we feel the same and are working to ensure a smooth and equitable election and transition.

5:22 PM **Motion to enter Executive Session.**



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- 5:39 PM** **Moved/Sean McConnell; Second/Robyn Amos;
Carried/Unanimously**
Motion to exit Executive Session.
**Moved /Gretchen Lintner; Second/Carolyn Bolton;
Carried/Unanimously**
- 5:40 PM** **SEARCH AND TRANSITION PROCESS**
Paul Fromberg & Brenda Paulin updated SC about the meet & greets. Paul presented SC with an email from the nominees enquiring about a meeting with SC. SC asked that the nominees directly contact SC with their request.
- 6:12 PM** **BREAK**
- 6:32 PM** **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**
- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)
Motion that the SC of the Diocese of California accepts as in order the documents for ordination to the priesthood of Whitney Wilson and Lisa DeSilva.
***Moved /Sean McConnell; Second/Warren Wong;
Carried/Unanimously.***

Motion that the SC of the Diocese of California accepts as in order the documents for ordination to the diaconate of Brendan Nee, Jeremy O'Neill, Calvin Payne Taylor, Tom Poynor, Larisa Shaterian, Erin Wiens St John
***Moved/Sean McConnell; Second/Grethen Lintner;
Carried/Unanimously.***
 - Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton)
Preparing to onboard the new members elected at diocesan convention.
 - Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)
Warren is rotating off the board but is remaining on the Committee for Diocesan Relationships. Mauricio is rotating on to the board as president of SC.
 - Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner) - No report
 - Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)
 - *The focus has been on Bishop's Search and Transition.*
 - *Robyn has reviewed the Excel spreadsheet and will update the information. She will review and schedule check-ins for SC meeting in 2024 and will check-in with Rev. Deb White if needed for support and clarification.*
 - *The board met at St. Dorothy's in person on November 5th for an all-day retreat. The land deal is almost closed; finalization is expected in early 2024.*
 - *Ongoing planning and exploration of sustainability has been happening since May 12, 2023; SDR is currently stable and exploring sustainability options.*



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- *Executive Director, Ashley Boaeuf Lange completed her first year and has brought great energy and creativity to St. Dot's in all aspects: including Com*
- *Staffing, budgeting, and community outreach are on the agenda for the future.*
- *There is an Open House Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, 2023. All are invited.*
- *St. Dorothy's Board will meet next on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.*
- *Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford) - No report*
- *Executive compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson) - No report*
- *Episcopal Elections (vacant) – No report*

7:05 PM

ORIENTATION

1. *Role & Responsibilities of Standing Committee – Mauricio outlined the roles and responsibilities of the SC. Primarily SC is a council of advice and don't have the authority to tell the bishop what to do:*
 - *when there is a bishop in place, SC functions as a counsel of advice to the bishop. When there is no bishop, they are the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, as laid forth in the national constitution and canons.*
 - *SC is responsible for overseeing the committee on governance and for certifying delegates to convention if the bishop is not available.*
 - *SC is involved in approving candidates for ordination and file reviews for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. They are asked to be present at ordinations as part of the presenting group.*
 - *SC consent to election of bishops by national canon.*
 - *SC are charged with the deconsecration of church properties and are also involved in the renunciation of holy orders.*
2. *Role of Officers:*
 - *Officers are elected according to diocesan canons – President/VP/secretary. They set the agenda and meet with the bishop. to ascertain his needs for agenda. Officers do not have any authority in themselves, only as part of the body.*
3. *Logistics*
 - *Meetings – generally the second Thursday of the month @ 4 PM.*
 - *Devotion & Snacks – Jane will distribute a schedule.*
 - *Box Access & Contents – the method by which SC share information.*
4. *Committee Liaisons & Assignments*
 - *Audrey will be the new liaison for the Executive Compensation Committee.*
 - *Warren will assist Robyn as the liaison to Diocesan Institutions to ensure a smooth transfer when Robyn rolls off SC next year.*
 - *As president, Mauricio becomes the liaison to the Grace Cathedral Board of trustees. Mauricio will also be the liaison for Bishop Elections per his responsibility as president of SC.*



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- *Other liaison responsibilities remain the same:*
Sean – Commission on Ministry.
Carolyn – Executive Council.
Gretchen – Committee on Governance.
Jane - Committee on Nominations.

7:28 PM NEW BUSINESS

- *SC planned a holiday meal on December 8th after the ordination. They will invite Todd to thank him for his work on SC.*
- Electing convention – the secretary of SC & the President of SC will be seated on Dais with the bishop, the secretary or Convention, and chair of dispatch of business.

7:30 PM OLD BUSINESS

- Retreat w/ EC – *agreed to reserve five cabins for one night for SC retreat on January 18, 2024.*

7:34 PM Motion to enter Executive Session.
Moved /Gretchen Lintner; Second/Warren Wong;
Carried/Unanimously.

8:27 PM Motion to exit Executive Session.
Moved / Warren Wong; Second /Robyn Amos;
Carried/Unanimously.

8:35 PM CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stratford
Secretary.